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(Only to D/CSPD)

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Consolidated SAFE Project Office

FROM: 25X1A

Chairman, DCI Intelligence Information  
Handling Committee

SUBJECT: Analyst Support Study

25X1A 1. I am forwarding to you a copy of the final version of the Analyst Support Study. At the DCI's semiannual review of the SAFE Project, he made it clear the findings of this Study are to be given due consideration in project design and implementation. At the quarterly review meeting, the Steering Committee was informed that the initial requirements review by [REDACTED] is scheduled for completion by 15 September and the formal Statement of the Requirements against which the SAFE system design is to proceed will be completed by 15 January. Therefore, time is of the essence if the recommendations of the Analyst Support Study are to be taken into account.

2. As you are aware, the principal recommendation of the Analyst Support Study is that the Community should:

"Develop a standard, on-line bibliographic reference system for all intelligence source materials, including finished intelligence products."

Coincident with this recommendation, CIA has offered to make RECON and ADSTAR available to serve as the basis for such a Community system. A working group of the IHC is presently evaluating the CIA proposal and expects to formulate recommendations by the end of October 1979. The evaluation of the CIA proposal and recommendations as to the course of action the IHC should take in the near-term must consider the long-term implications of the contributions of SAFE. If the working group recommended that ADSTAR be made the basis for a Community system and a system for the electrical distribution of ADSTAR documents be established, then provision must be made for access to the ADSTAR index (currently RECON) by members of the Community outside CIA. As I read the Consolidated SAFE

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25X1A requirements document, there is a requirement that the RECON index to the ADSTAR file be converted into an index file to be resident on the CIA SAFE system. If this is to be done, then it seems logical that DIA analysts should be able to access this index and interface with the ADSTAR system through the SAFE communications link. I am, therefore, suggesting that this be taken into consideration as you develop SAFE requirements in conjunction with [REDACTED]

3. One of the options proposed by CIA for Community access to the current RECON system is through the COINS network. If this portion of the proposal were implemented, then a requirement for an eventual interface between the COINS network and the SAFE system would be established, unless the ADSTAR index were to be duplicated on another system. Therefore, we will need to know whether or not COINS system users can be provided with access to the ADSTAR index on SAFE, and this possibility should be considered in further defining the requirements for SAFE implementation.

4. There may be other considerations pertinent to the SAFE design effort arising out of the Analyst Support Study, but the one outlined above seems to me the most urgent and important. Therefore, I am calling the Study to your attention with the request that you give it full consideration. I shall be out of the city until 20 August, but would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this matter with you upon my return.

Attachment: a/s

for [REDACTED] 25X1A

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